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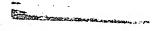
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 7.